

DCP, ACRE signup deadline is June 1

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Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) will end June 1.

Farm producers must apply for DCP or ACRE on an annual basis. Unlike years past, participants may not enroll a farm after June 1. All owners and operators who will share in the DCP or ACRE payments on the farm must sign the CCC-509 by June 1 to remain eligible for 2010 program benefits.

June 1 is also the deadline for producers to elect the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) for 2010-2012.

ACRE is an alternative to the counter-cyclical component of DCP. Election of the ACRE option does not enroll the farm for 2010. Enrollment is a separate and subsequent step—even if the farm was enrolled in DCP previous to the election.

Producers can visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2010 DCP or ACRE contract.

“We also urge producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to complete the annual signup for DCP or ACRE,” said Dan Steinkruger, state executive director of USDA’s Farm Service Agency in Nebraska. “The electronic service saves producers time, reduces paperwork and speeds up contract processing at their local FSA offices. All producers who are eligible to participate can access eDCP at www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp.”

To use this service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification. Faxed signatures are also acceptable.

Steinkruger stressed it is critical that producers who have not enrolled all farms or obtained all necessary signatures take immediate action. Producers should contact their local FSA office to

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